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[Report No. 91-869]

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Reported by Mr. PASTORE, with an amendment

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To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide continued financing for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That this Act may be cited as the "Public Broadcasting  
4       Financing Act of 1970".

5       SEC. 2. Subsection (k) of section 396 of the Com-  
6       munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 396(k)) is amended  
7       to read as follows:

8       “(k) (1) There are authorized to be appropriated for  
9       expenses of the Corporation for the fiscal year ending June  
10      30, 1969, the sum of \$9,000,000, and for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 1970, the sum of \$20,000,000, and for each  
 2 of the next three fiscal years such sums as may be necessary.

3 “(2) In addition to the sums authorized to be appropri-  
 4 ated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, there are author-  
 5 ized to be appropriated for payment to the Corporation for  
 6 each fiscal year during the period July 1, 1970, to June 30,  
 7 1973, amounts equal to the amount of total grants, donations,  
 8 bequests, or other contributions (including money and the  
 9 fair market value of any property) from non-Federal sources  
 10 received by the Corporation under section 396 (g) (2) (A)  
 11 of this Act, during each fiscal year.”

12 *SEC. 3. Section 399 of the Communications Act of 1934*  
 13 *is amended by inserting “(a)” after “Sec. 399.” and by*  
 14 *inserting at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:*

15 “(b) In order to assure compliance with this section  
 16 and with other provisions of this Act requiring fair treatment  
 17 of matters in the public interest, the Commission shall pre-  
 18 scribe such regulations as may be appropriate to require that  
 19 broadcast stations which receive assistance under this title  
 20 (1) keep records, including audio recordings, for a reason-  
 21 able period of time of each program broadcast which involves  
 22 an issue of public importance, and (2) furnish such records  
 23 to the Commission at its request. The Commission shall make  
 24 such records available to the public at the requesting party’s  
 25 cost under such circumstances and conditions as may be rea-  
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